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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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FROM:

[REDACTED]  
Deputy Chief, Real Estate and  
Construction Division, OL

SUBJECT: Sprinkler System [REDACTED]

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1. On 7 March 1979 Messrs. [REDACTED]  
Real Estate and Construction Division (RECD), met with  
Messrs. [REDACTED], Safety Branch, and agreed to the  
following direction for the sprinkler system project: (C)

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a. The Office of Security will forward to RECD a memorandum. This memorandum should cover three points: the recent installation of a smoke alarm system throughout the building; the proximity of the fire station at [REDACTED]; and the future move of the Office of Technical Service (OTS) from [REDACTED]. The memorandum should then go on to say that regardless of the smoke detection system, the proximity of the fire station and the fact that the future occupants and their requirements cannot now be identified, a sprinkler system is nonetheless desirable. (S)

b. Upon receipt of this memorandum, RECD will forward the new cost estimate to the Office of Communications along with a request to provide the appropriate approvals. Presumably, as it will cost over \$100,000, approval will have to be from the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. (Funds available equal \$161,000, based on an old estimate. A new estimate is necessary to reflect the complexity of installing the piping in the building as it is now configured and the availability of water to feed the system.) (S)

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c. If the project is approved, we will proceed, using the [REDACTED] for the design and the construction contract. (C)

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2. Several hundred thousand for a sprinkler system could be justified by the high density of very expensive equipment that is located in [REDACTED]. Security's assumption is that expensive equipment will justify a system regardless of the occupant; i.e., they assume the mission will always depend on this sophisticated equipment. It should be noted that people move in and out of buildings without approval from any central authority; therefore, it is difficult to project just how spaces will be used and configured in the future. At this time we know that OTS is probably moving out, but we do not know who will be moving in; to this extent, the sprinkler system will be installed without definitive requirements, but the assumption that whoever goes in will have equipment is probably correct. (U)

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cc: PE/ [REDACTED]

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